

The reason for this is to ensure that substantive comments and objections are made available to the Forest Service at a time when it can meaningfully consider them and respond to them in the final.

Dated: January 4, 1995.

Leonard L. Lucero,

Forest Supervisor, Carson National Forest.

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Natural Resources Conservation Service

Sandy Creek Watershed, North Carolina; Notice to Deauthorize Federal Funding

AGENCY: Natural Resources Conservation Service.

ACTION: Notice of Intent to Deauthorize Federal Funding.

SUMMARY: Pursuant to the Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention Act, Public Law 83-566, and the Natural Resources Conservation Service Guidelines (7 CFR 622), the Natural Resources Conservation Service gives notice of the intent to deauthorize Federal funding for the Sandy Creek Watershed project, Cumberland County, North Carolina.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Richard A. Gallo, State Conservationist, Natural Resources Conservation Service, 4405 Bland Road, Suite 205, Raleigh, NC 27609, telephone: 919/790-2888.

Sandy Creek Watershed, North Carolina—Notice of Intent to Deauthorize Federal Funding

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: A determination has been made by Richard A. Gallo that the proposed works of improvement for the Sandy Creek Watershed project will not be installed. Information regarding this determination may be obtained from Richard A. Gallo, State Conservationist, at the above address and telephone number.

No administrative action on implementation of the proposed deauthorization will be taken until 60 days after the date of this publication in the **Federal Register**.

(Catalog of Federal Domestic Assistance Program No. 10.904, Watershed Protection and Flood Prevention. Office of Management and Budget Circular A-95 regarding State and local clearinghouse review of Federal and federally assisted programs and projects is applicable)

Dated: January 3, 1995.

Richard A. Gallo,

State Conservationist.

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Rural Utilities Service

Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation; Finding of No Significant Impact

AGENCY: Rural Utilities Service, USDA.

ACTION: Notice of Finding of No Significant Impact.

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the Rural Utilities Service (RUS) has made a finding of no significant impact (FONSI) with respect to its action related to the construction and operation of a hydropower project on the Arkansas River by Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation (AECC). The FONSI is based on a Borrower's Environmental Report submitted to RUS by AECC. RUS conducted an independent evaluation of the report and concurs with its scope and content. In accordance with Environmental Policies and Procedures published by the Rural Electrification Administration, the predecessor of RUS, at 7 CFR 1794.61, RUS has adopted the borrower's environmental report as its environmental assessment for the project.

FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT: Lawrence R. Wolfe, Chief, Environmental Compliance Branch, Electric Staff Division, RUS, South Agriculture Building, Washington, D.C. 20250, telephone (202) 720-1784.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The hydropower project is to be constructed at the existing Corps of Engineers Dam #2 in Desha County, Arkansas, approximately 12 miles northeast of Dumas, Arkansas. It will have an installed capacity of 108 megawatts. The powerhouse for the project will be located on the west side of the Arkansas River west of the right abutment of Dam #2. The powerhouse will be approximately 180 feet wide and 225 feet long. Water to operate the turbines in the powerhouse will be diverted from the Arkansas River via a headrace channel and back into the river via a tailrace channel. The turbines will operate under a net head ranging from 5 to 37 feet. The project will include a 115 kV switching station and one span of 115 kV transmission line. The entire project will require approximately 180 acres of land all of which is government owned.

RUS considered the alternative of no action as opposed to approving AECC's request to use its general funds or provide a lien accommodation for financing construction of the project. Under the no action alternative, RUS would not approve AECC's use of general funds or provide AECC a lien accommodation. The no action alternative was not the selected alternative as AECC believes that it has an opportunity to construct a renewable generation resource at the Corps of Engineers Dam #2 and reduce its overall dependence on fossil fuel fired generation plants and that such construction is consistent with the objectives of the Energy Policy Act of 1992.

Copies of the environmental assessment and FONSI are available for review at, or can be obtained from, RUS at the address provided herein or from Mr. Curtis Q. Warner, Principle Engineer, Arkansas Electric Cooperative Corporation, 8000 Scott Hamilton Drive, Little Rock, Arkansas, 72219-4208, telephone (501) 570-2462.

Dated: January 13, 1995.

Adam M. Golodner,

Deputy Administrator, Program Operations.

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COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

Agenda and Notice of Public Meeting of the California Advisory Committee

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights, that a meeting of the California Advisory Committee to the Commission will convene at 10:00 a.m. and adjourn at 2:00 p.m. on February 4, 1995, at the Radisson Huntley Hotel, 1111 Second Street, Santa Monica, California 90403. The purpose of the meeting is discussion of ongoing followup to the media project and planning for the Orange County forum.

Persons desiring additional information, or planning a presentation to the Committee, should contact Committee Chairperson Michael C. Carney, or Philip Montez, Director of the Western Regional Office, 213-894-3437 (TDD 213-894-0508). Hearing-impaired persons who will attend the meeting and require the services of a sign language interpreter should contact the Regional Office at least five (5) working days before the scheduled date of the meeting.

The meeting will be conducted pursuant to the provisions of the rules and regulations of the Commission.

Dated at Washington, DC, January 12, 1995.

Carol-Lee Hurley,

Chief, Regional Programs Coordination Unit.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration

[I.D. 010595A]

Marine Mammals

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Modification no. 2 to scientific research permit no. 716 (P466).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that a request for modification of scientific research permit no. 716 submitted by Mr. Scott D. Kraus, Edgerton Research Laboratory, New England Aquarium, Central Wharf, Boston, MA 02110-3309 has been granted.

ADDRESSES: The modification and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Suite 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, 9721 Executive Center Drive North, St. Petersburg, FL 33702 (813/570-5312); and

Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, NOAA, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930 (508/281-9200).

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: On December 14, 1994, notice was published in the Federal Register (59 FR 64393) that a modification of permit no. 716, issued October 29, 1990 (55 FR 46543), had been requested by the above-named individual. The requested modification has been granted under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the provisions of §§ 216.33(d) and (e) of the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973 (ESA), as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), and the provisions of § 222.25 of the Regulations Governing the Taking, Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222).

Permit no. 466 authorized the permit holder for the inadvertent harassment of up to 350 right whales during the course of photo-identification and aerial survey activities. The permit holder was also authorized to biopsy up to 50 right whales, and to import/export right whale tissues for scientific research purposes. The permit has now been modified to authorize the permit holder to attach radio tags to up to ten right whales, in order to determine their whereabouts while outside of the present survey area.

Issuance of this modification, as required by the ESA, was based on a finding that such permit: (1) Was applied for in good faith; (2) will not operate to the disadvantage of the endangered species which is the subject of this permit; and (3) is consistent with the purposes and policies set forth in section 2 of the ESA.

Dated: January 12, 1995.

P.A. Montanio,

Acting Director, Office of Protected Resources, National Marine Fisheries Service.

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Marine Mammals

AGENCY: National Marine Fisheries Service (NMFS), National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA), Commerce.

ACTION: Receipt of applications to modify permit nos. 838 (P535), 717 (P77#44), and 789 (P135C).

SUMMARY: Notice is hereby given that the following permittees have requested a modification to their permits:

Permit No. 838 (File No. P535)—Mr. Stephen J. Insley, Animal Communication Laboratory, University of California, Davis, CA 95616-8761;

Permit No. 717 (File No. P77#44)—The National Marine Mammal Laboratory, Alaska Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, NOAA, 7600 Sand Point Way, NE., BIN C15700, Seattle, WA 98115; and

Permit No. 789 (File No. P135C)—James H.W. Hain, Ph.D., Northeast Fisheries Science Center, NMFS, 166 Water Street, Woods Hole, MA 02543-1026.

ADDRESSES: The modification requests and related documents are available for review upon written request or by appointment in the following offices:

Permits Division, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, 1315 East-West Highway, Room 13130, Silver Spring, MD 20910 (301/713-2289);

File No. P535—Director, Alaska Region, NMFS, P.O. Box 21668, Juneau, AK 99802 (907/586-7221);

File No. P77#44—Director, Southwest Region, NMFS, 501 W. Ocean Boulevard, Suite 4200, Long Beach, CA 90802-4213 (310/980-4016); and

File No. P135C—Director, Northeast Region, NMFS, One Blackburn Drive, Gloucester, MA 01930 (508/281-9200); and Director, Southeast Region, NMFS, 9721 Executive Center Drive, St. Petersburg, FL 33702-2432 (813/893-3141).

Written data or views, or requests for a public hearing on these requests should be submitted to the Director, Office of Protected Resources, NMFS, NOAA, U.S. Department of Commerce, 1335 East-West Highway, F/PR1, Silver Spring, MD 20910, within 30 days of the publication of this notice. Those individuals requesting a hearing should set forth the specific reasons why a hearing on the particular modification request would be appropriate.

Concurrent with the publication of this notice in the **Federal Register**, the Secretary of Commerce is forwarding copies of these applications to the Marine Mammal Commission and its Committee of Scientific Advisors.

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION: The subject modifications to permit Nos. 838 (58 FR 29810) issued May 17, 1993; 717, as modified, (58 FR 27270) issued May 7, 1993; and 789, as modified, (58 FR 6116), issued January 26, 1993, are requested under the authority of the Marine Mammal Protection Act of 1972, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1361 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking and Importing of Marine Mammals (50 CFR part 216), the Endangered Species Act of 1973, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1531 *et seq.*), the Regulations Governing the Taking, Importing, and Exporting of Endangered Fish and Wildlife (50 CFR part 222), the Fur Seal Act of 1966, as amended (16 U.S.C. 1151 *et seq.*), and the fur seal regulations (50 CFR part 215).

Summary of Permit/Modification Requests

Permit No. 838 (Stephen Insley, P535) authorizes the permit holder to mark/tag up to 100 northern fur seals (*Callorhinus ursinus*) and inadvertently harass up to 110 over a 2-year period. The permit holder requests a 2-year extension of the take authority and an increase of 75 animals per year for inadvertent harassment during vocal playback activities.

Permit No. 717 (National Marine Mammal Laboratory, NMFS, P77#44) authorizes the take of 2,600 California sea lions (*Zalophus californianus*) over